



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS WG-7), Paris, France, 2-8 April 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-7) will be held at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters in Paris, from 2-8 April 2009.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is attached for your information and is available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/notifications>. Other documents for the meeting will be made available no later than sixty days prior to the meeting. The information note for participants will be made available as soon as practicable on the CBD web site at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>.

In accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 of decision IX/12 of the Conference of the Parties, the meeting will be held over the duration of seven consecutive days and will be preceded by two days of regional and interregional consultations, on 31 March and 1 April 2009.

In addition, as for previous meetings, the Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will be holding open-ended informal consultations, as well as bilateral consultations, with interested delegates on 31 March and 1 April 2009. Further information regarding the time and exact venue of these consultations will be communicated in due course.

In view of your interest in the issues addressed by the Working Group, I have the honour of inviting your indigenous and local community organization to nominate a representative to attend. Designation of representatives, containing their name and contact details, should be submitted through official letters to be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), as soon as possible but no later than **no later than 2 March 2009**.

Indigenous and local communities representatives **wishing to receive funding** from the Voluntary Trust Fund to facilitate their participation in the above-mentioned meeting, in accordance with decision VIII/5 D on the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the

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participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention, are invited to submit their application forms no later than **January 31, 2009**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Voluntary Fund Applications are available in the six official languages of the United Nations on the CBD website at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>. **The completed application forms** should be sent to the Secretariat either by fax to: 1 514 288 6588, or by electronic mail as a scanned attachment to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), together with a recent *Curriculum Vitae* and an **official letter of recommendation** from the relevant organization addressed to the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

I look forward to the participation of your organization in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

**Attachment**



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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON  
ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

Seventh meeting  
Paris, 2-8 April 2009

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters
3. International regime on access and benefit-sharing: negotiation of operational text on:
  - 3.1 Objective;
  - 3.2 Scope;
  - 3.3 Compliance;
  - 3.4 Fair and equitable benefit-sharing;
  - 3.5 Access.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.

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